



Neighborhood Association Monthly Report

Dec 2022/January 2023
City of South Bend

"If we take the time to care about people, we can transform whole communities. You never know how you can change someone's life by showing him or her that you care."

-Rehema Ellis-NBC NEWS

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Financial Empowerment Blueprint launch

Join the City of South Bend's Financial Empowerment Team for the launch of the City's Financial Empowerment Blueprint. The event will take place at the Technology Resource Center located at 1165 Franklin St. on Saturday February 25, 2023 from 10-2PM. To join us, please RSVP below. If you have any questions or need to request accommodations, please reach out to us at eee@southbendin.gov.

CITY OF SOUTH BEND'S
**FINANCIAL
EMPOWERMENT**

**BLUEPRINT
LAUNCH**

FEBRUARY 25
10 AM TO 2 PM

**TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE CENTER
1165 FRANKLIN ST #100, SOUTH BEND**

RSVP

We're excited for you to join us for this week's South Bend 2045 Speaker Series! Director of Civic Innovation in Austin, Texas and keynote speaker Kristie Chin, will discuss shaping the future of transportation at the St. Joseph County Public Library Main Branch located at 304 S Main Street.

Thursday, Feb 9 @ 6:00pm

SOUTH BEND 2045 PLAN SPEAKER SERIES

From Studebaker to Driverless Cars: Shaping the Future of Transportation in South Bend



Kristie Chin

Director of Civic Innovation, Texas Innovation Alliance at University of Texas at Austin, Center for Transportation Research

South Bend has deep roots in transportation.

The Studebaker Plant is a symbol for both the city's industrial legacy and innovative spirit.

This public forum will provide an opportunity to discuss the relationships between transportation and housing, the value of public transit, and the technologies - driverless cars, sidewalk robots, and drones - that are redefining the way people and goods move.

Join us for an evening of discussion and share your ideas for the future of transportation in South Bend!

🕒 Thursday, February 9, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

📍 St. Joseph County Main Library Auditorium, 304 S. Main St.

it's up to you!
WHAT WILL SOUTH BEND BE LIKE IN 20 YEARS?

Join us at La Casa de Amistad to share your ideas and perspective for the "South Bend 2045" vision.

FEBRUARY 16, 2023
6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

La Casa de Amistad
3423 S. Michigan St.
South Bend, Indiana 46614

JOIN TOGETHER AS THE LATINO COMMUNITY FOR AN OFFICIAL CITY PLANNING WORKSHOP:

- Share your voice and ideas
- Listen to the dreams of your neighbors
- Meet new people
- Discuss the city's strengths
- Decide on new opportunities

LA CASA DE AMISTAD
Latin & Community Center

RSVPS ARE APPRECIATED
574-239-2120
sonia@lacasadeamistad.org

You can also join us at **La Casa de Amistad** to share your ideas and perspectives during the next South Bend 2045 Vision Workshop on February 16 at 6pm! Located at 3423 S Michigan St, South Bend, IN 46614

Neighborhood Ignite Grant



Innovation Grants for Neighborhood Inspiration, Transformation and Enhancement

Start Planning Today! -The City of South Bend's Engagement and Economic Empowerment team will be offering a 2nd round of grants to neighborhood associations to create and expand ways for residents to engage, connect, and grow. IGNITE Grant will provide funding for small neighborhood-based projects with community-wide benefit. Sample projects include *expanded tree coverage, park enhancements* or *public art*. **A new round of applications will be available in 2023!**

For questions or to receive future emails about the 2023 Ignite Grant email eee@southbendin.gov or go to www.southbendin.gov/eee

Neighborhood Association Updates

| NEIGHBORHOOD | UPDATE |
|-----------------------|--|
| KENNEDY PARK | No update at this time. Planning process for Kennedy Park "park" started |
| RIVER PARK | Awarded Ignite Grant and kicking off neighborhood planning process for 2023 |
| MIAMI VILLAGE | Awarded Ignite Grant for neighborhood signage |
| FAR NORTHWEST | Planning Ignite Grant proposal |
| NEAR WEST SIDE | Awarded Ignite Grant for "Banners and Benches" |
| MONROE PARK | Awarded Ignite grant for "Neighborhood Tool Trailer". Finishing neighborhood planning process. |
| LINCOLN BENDIX | Awarded Ignite Grant for neighborhood beautification. |
| NENC | Planning for Ignite Grant. |
| RUM VILLAGE | No updates at this time. Planning for Ignite Grant. |
| NNN | Awarded Ignite Grant for community park project. |
| SOAR | Preparing Ignite Grant application. Planning Spring cleanup. |
| LaSalle Park | Awarded Ignite Grant for neighborhood signage and starting neighborhood planning process. |

| NEIGHBORHOOD | UPDATE |
|---------------------|---|
| Lincolnway NFC | Working on spring Ignite Grant application. |
| Mckinley Terrace | Upcoming meeting on February 16th , 7pm at Tree of Life Church |
| Northshore Triangle | Awarded Ignite Grant for community garden and neighborhood signage. |
| Edgewater | No updates at this time. |
| Twyckenham Hills | No updates at this time. |
| Chapin Park | Fall 2022 Newsletter distributed |

Your Neighborhood Here



For questions about getting your neighborhood included contact the Engagement team at eee@southbendin.gov or go to www.southbendin.gov/eee



Neighborhoods Consortium

The January Neighborhoods Consortium was held on January 11th at the TRC. Representatives from 14+ neighborhood associations met with the Mayor and MACOG. MACOG and Transpo discussed traffic calming and the upcoming MACOG transportation study.

The City of South Bend's Public Works Department also gave a presentation on traffic calming efforts throughout the city. See the section on traffic calming below for more chances to learn about traffic calming efforts in South Bend!

The next meeting will be April 5, 2023.

For questions or more information contact eee@southbendin.gov.

South Bend Plan Updates

Monroe Park/Edgewater - Planning workshops were held on Thursday, November 3rd from 10am to 6pm & Thursday, Nov 10th at 6pm at Howard Park. Plan process is underway and will be completed soon. See the "Together" link below for more info.

Coming soon! Lasalle Park and River Park plans - to begin later in 2023

Congratulations to **Rum Village, Kennedy Park, Near West Side** and the **Northwest Neighborhood** for new adopted plans in 2022! See together.southbendin.gov for more information or to download the plans.

Contact planning@southbendin.gov or eee@southbendin.gov for more information.

www.together.southbendin.gov



HIGHLIGHTED RESOURCES

Supporting South Bend

Did you know the City of South Bend has a website dedicated to helping the community locate important resources? Everything from assistance for childcare, rent and utilities to free WIFI and free golf.

You can find it by searching "Supporting South Bend" in your web browser, typing www.southbendin.gov/support, or clicking the button below.

[Click For Supporting South Bend](http://www.southbendin.gov/support)



The South Bend – Elkhart Regional Partnership is excited to launch Cohort Six of **HustleSBE!** Applications are now open and will close on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 5:00pm. Businesses must be headquartered in the South Bend – Elkhart region, which includes Elkhart, Marshall, and St. Joseph counties in Indiana and Berrien and Cass counties in Michigan. Other criteria and more information about the program can be found at hustlesbe.org.

Apply today and continue to build your business' resiliency!

[Apply Now](#)

[Learn more](#)

EASSI

APPLY TO EASSI!

Are YOU a...

- Nonprofit
- School
- Medical facility
- Grocery store



Get a **FREE** energy assessment to identify energy savings opportunities **AND** matching grants from the City up to **\$30,000** to implement energy efficiency and solar projects!

Learn more and apply by **February 24:**
<https://southbendin.gov/eassi/>



Strengthening nonprofits and
the communities they serve.



CDFI FRIENDLY
SOUTH BEND

The Energy Assistance and Solar Savings Initiative (EASSI) provides subsidized energy assessments, grants, and low-interest loans to community organizations.

**Register
now**

VIBRANT PLACES!



BETTER VIBES | BETTER BUSINESS

VIBRANT PLACES is a matching grant program for qualifying exterior enhancements to commercial, mixed-use, & industrial buildings.

Up to **\$112,000 matching funds** available for projects!

Qualifying projects for up to **70% matching grant funds** include:



...and more! **50% Standard Grant + 20% Sustainable Bonus**



SUNPOWERED GRANT

Your business may **additionally** apply for 15% or 25% matching funds for **solar** projects.

www.southbendin.gov/vibrantplaces



SOLAR UNITED NEIGHBORS

VIBRANT PLACES

SUNPOWERED GRANT

A GRANT FOR SOLAR

Receive funding for your business to install solar panels & battery storage systems!

Grants for solar panels are in addition to the standard grant and sustainability bonus available through Vibrant Places. **A single business could be eligible for all three grants.**

| | Matching Grant % | Max Grant Amount \$ |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|--|
| CITY-WIDE (INCLUDING DOWNTOWN) | 15% | \$20,000 (15% of a \$133,333+ project) |
| PRIORITY CORRIDOR | 25% | \$30,000 (25% of a \$120,000+ project) |

A project in partnership with  **SOLAR UNITED NEIGHBORS**

WHY GO SOLAR?



ENERGY COST CONTROL

A solution to ever varying and increasing energy costs



LOW MAINTENANCE RENEWABLE ENERGY

No required operations & maintenance spend



ATTRACTIVE INVESTMENT

Internal rate of return >15% with federal incentives



POWER YOUR COMPANY WITH CLEAN ENERGY

Solar panels generate electricity without burning fossil fuels or contributing to climate change



SUSTAINABLE SOURCE OF BACKUP POWER

With battery storage, you can prepare for energy interruptions without relying on a generator

Learn more and apply:



www.southbendin.gov/vibrantplaces

VIBRANT PLACES

SUSTAINABILITY BONUS



TAKE YOUR PROJECT TO THE NEXT LEVEL

STANDARD
50% Matching



SUSTAINABLE!
70% Matching

GET AN EXTRA 20% MATCHING FUNDS FOR...

Energy-Efficient
doors & windows



No VOC paint



Permeable
surfaces



30% Recycled-
content Materials



Rain gardens



Drought-tolerant
landscaping



Learn more and apply:



www.southbendin.gov/vibrantplaces

The City of South Bend has announced a new round of workforce development training courses provided by Purdue Manufacturing Extension Partnership. The Pathways program assists workers from South Bend manufacturing companies with career training, improving employees' skills and providing them with advancement opportunities with local manufacturers. More about the Purdue MEP trainings and how to apply can be found [HERE](#).

TRC TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE CENTER

Check out the January newsletter from South Bend's Technology Resource Center (TRC) [HERE](#) to learn more about their programs.

The City of South Bend will host a series of monthly Nonprofit Workshops for nonprofit organizational leaders and the public, beginning with a Project Management series on February 9th at the Technology



Winter is here and DTSB is ready to Celebrate Winter! Visit DTSB's [website](#) for a complete list of all the activities planned .



Public Safety



The South Bend Police Department has offered to send an officer to neighborhood association meetings (or attend virtually), per request. If interested, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact Chief of Police, [Scott Ruskowski](#) or Patrol Division Chief, [Eric Crittendon](#).

You can now also join the App "Neighbors: if you have a “Ring” doorbell to help Police and Fire keep a safe eye on your neighborhood.

This is a “FREE” App.



We've Joined Neighbors.

Now you can receive real-time crime and safety updates from an official source. By working together, we can help make our neighborhoods safer.



UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

South Bend AARP Listening Session

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SOUTH BEND REGIONAL AARP AGE-FRIENDLY INITIATIVE

COFFEE AND DONUTS LISTENING SESSION

THEME: SOCIAL PARTICIPATION & COMMUNICATION AND
INFORMATION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 2023

ONE ROOF SOUTHEAST

405 E DUBAIL AVE SOUTH BEND,
IN 46613

9:00AM - 10:30AM

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
MAYOR JAMES MUELLER
CITY AND COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS



Age-Friendly Communities
Are Livable for
People of All Ages
aarp.org/livable



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY
ESTABLISHED 1830



BUILD SOUTH BEND

BUILD SOUTH BEND VIRTUAL TRAININGS 2023

The 12 Steps of Town Making

led by Neighborhood Evolution - Bernice Radle,
Monte Anderson, Jim Kumon & Mike Keen

Farming Your Community & Finding Your People

Steps 1 & 2 | February 15 @ 6:30 PM

How to ATTRACT Financing and Investors

Step 3 | March 15 @ 6:30 PM

Legal & Accounting - You Have to Have It!

Step 4 | April 16 @ 6:30

Your First (or Next) Project & How to Start

Steps 5 & 6 | June 21 @ 6:30

Building Your Team for a Successful Project

Steps 7 & 8 | July 19 @ 6:30

Setting up your Construction System

Step 9 | October 18 @ 6:30

Leasing, Property Management & Helping Others

Steps 10, 11, & 12 | November 15 @ 6:30

FOR DETAILED INFO & ZOOM INVITATIONS, RSVP
EEE@SOUTHBENDIN.GOV, OR ONLINE @
WWW.SOUTHBENDIN.GOV/BSB

2023 Small Developer Seminars

Join us next on May 6th for **Building
South Bend: The Fruits of Finance**

Financing :

Join townmakers Monte Anderson and Bernice Radle as they discuss the fundamentals of finding your development farm, investing in the community, and taking the critical steps of working with banks, neighbors, contractors, and the ecosystem of support needed for successful project development.

A Three Part Series

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Save the Dates!



JAN 21

FARMING & SUSTAINABILITY
9 AM-12:30 PM
Learn the fundamentals of dealmaking, development and more, with a special focus on sustainably.

FINANCE
9 AM-12 PM
This hands-on session will teach acquisitions, finance, using proformas, interviewing banks, and more.

MAY 06





SEP 30

FORM
9 AM-12 PM
Form will teach zoning, how and who to hire, designing for tenants, and much more.

For More Information, Please Visit
www.southbendin.gov/bsb



WORKSHOP SERIES 2023



[Sign Up Here](#)

Sewer/Water Reconnect

A new Sewer Lateral Reimbursement Program will offer a reimbursement up to \$20,000 for qualified costs of connecting the sewer lateral to new low-and moderate-income homes. This funding may be used to cover the cost of the entire sewer lateral from the main line to the residential structure. Qualifying costs for reimbursement include labor, materials, traffic control, and restoration of pavement, curbs and sidewalks related to the sewer lateral work. Subject to the respective approvals by the Common Council and Board of Public Works, both the revised System Development Charges and the Sewer Lateral Reimbursement Program will be active by mid-July.

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

Are you struggling to pay your energy or water bill?

You may be qualified to receive federal funding to help pay some of your bills this winter. The Low-Income Household Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federally funded program to help Indiana residents pay their utility bills and prevent utility shut offs.



Applications End May 15th

Apply Now

Neighborhood Traffic Calming Meetings

The City of South Bend Public Works Department is holding three public meetings to present and gather feedback on its comprehensive Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan. The Plan proposes traffic calming measures on 40-plus neighborhood streets across the city where residents have frequently reported speeding by vehicles.

Public meetings will begin on Thursday, February 16. Each meeting will cover the same content and begin with a brief presentation at 5:30 pm followed by an open house where residents can provide feedback to City staff. Residents are invited to attend any of the meetings listed below:

- Thursday, February 16 | 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. | Rum Village Nature Center, 2626 S. Gertrude St.
- Tuesday, February 21 | 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. | Howard Park Event Center, 219 S. Saint Louis St.
- Thursday, February 23 | 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. | Near Northwest Neighborhood Inc. Community Center, 1013 Portage Ave.

send any feedback to trafficrequest@southbendin.gov

Upskill SB

We are excited to announce the launch of Upskill SB, a program focused on helping those who live or work in South Bend earn high-demand, industry-accredited certifications that can open the door to new career opportunities, pay increases, and competitive job applications. Upskill SB can provide a pathway to these certifications at minimal or no cost to you!

Applications for our Spring Cohort (Jan-Apr) are now rolling and will close by December 11th, 2022.

Visit our website

Climate Action Ambassador Program

The Office of Sustainability is recruiting 15 local leaders to serve as Climate Action Ambassadors for the City of South Bend.

Climate Action Ambassadors will facilitate conversations with the community to help prepare for climate change and contribute to the next update of South Bend's Climate Action Plan. Ambassadors will receive a \$250 stipend for their time and participation in the program, which, in addition to leading a Climate Action Survey Session, will require attending:

1. An introductory Zoom call
2. A two-hour environmental justice training
3. One debrief session with other Climate Action Ambassadors.

Apply Now

SOUTH BEND SMART BUSINESSES RECYCLE

The Smart Businesses Recycle is a pilot program to assist businesses and nonprofits to start a single-stream recycling service, improve their recycling capabilities, and reduce waste through targeted incentives.

Learn more

Apply Now

Join South Bend's Commercial Recycling Pilot Program!

**SMART
BUSINESSES
RECYCLE**



Now
Accepting
Nonprofits!



Participate and...

- Receive incentives \$\$\$ for
 - Starting a single-stream recycling service
 - Reducing waste
 - Removing barriers to recycling
- Save money by assessing and minimizing your waste
- Reduce your impact on the environment
- Lead the way in sustainability in South Bend



Learn more and apply here:
www.southbendin.gov/commercialrecycling

Lead Safe South Bend

The City of South Bend has grants available to assist making your home lead safe. Eligible households can apply to have lead safe repairs completed, up to \$20,000, by qualified contractors at no cost to you!

Click For Lead Safe South
Bend Information



Community Canopy Tree Program.

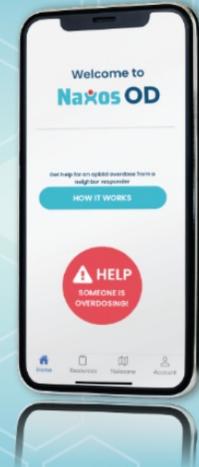
Help beautify your neighborhood with this free program from SBVPA. South Bend is excited to make it easier on individuals to give back to the environment and create a healthier city. The

Click for more information
about the Canopy Tree
program

program only allows trees to be planted on city public right-of-way between the curb and sidewalk (tree lawn). The tree may be up to 10 feet from the curb if no sidewalk exists.

Additional questions about the program? Please contact our Forester at 574-299-4766.

Naxos OD
Making Connections, Saving Lives



Naxos Neighbors provides opioid overdose bystanders with an anonymous, one-button press to connect with trained neighbor responders, ready to administer naloxone and provide immediate connections to harm reduction and treatment resources. They are now piloting in the South Bend, IN area.

[Download Now](#)

[More Info](#)

Age Friendly Survey

Are you **50** or over? The City of South Bend wants to hear your opinion on how we can become a more age-friendly city! To complete the survey click the button to below.

[Age Friendly City Survey](#)

Snow Removal

Property owners and residents are urged to do their best to keep their sidewalks near their property shoveled. Owners or occupants of properties must remove snow and ice from the public sidewalk within 24 hours after the end of any accumulation of snow or ice.

[Snow Removal Info](#)



City of South Bend

Department of Community Investment:
Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team



227 W Jefferson Blvd,
South Bend, IN 46601

